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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BLUE TO FILL 33RD DISTRICT HOUSE SEAT

RALEIGH – Gov. Easley today appointed Dan Blue to the North Carolina House of Representatives 33rd District seat which he previously held from 1980 to 2002. Blue was recommended by the executive committee of the Wake County Democratic Party to fill the unexpired term created by the death of Rep. Bernard Allen.

"Dan's record of service in the General Assembly and to the state of North Carolina is outstanding," said Easley. "He has been a strong advocate for improving education and for keeping our state a leader."

Blue previously served 22 years in the General Assembly, including four years as Speaker of the House. He was the first African American to hold that position. Since he left the General Assembly in 2002, he has been a practicing attorney with the firm of Thigpen, Blue, Stephens & Fellers in Raleigh.

Blue, 57, was raised on a farm in Robeson County. He graduated from North Carolina Central University in Durham in 1970 with a degree in education. He received his Juris Doctorate from the Duke University School of Law in 1973. He currently serves on the Duke University Board of Trustees and on the Duke Law School Board of Visitors.

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